



## AGENDA ITEM NO 9

### ASHLEY, EASTON & LAWRENCE HILL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP 25 SEPTEMBER 2013

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**Title:** Neighbourhood Partnership Report

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#### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. NP to note the Neighbourhood Working update, the reporting process and agree priorities for September 2013 – March 2014
2. Note the report of the Traffic and Transport Sub Group
3. Note Housing Working Group report. Agree to receive a report at the next NP meeting about housing allocations in Barton Hill.
4. Note the report about additional school places in the NP area.
5. Consider and agree the NP priorities 2013-14
6. Agree a small group to meet to consider how to take forward the work on demographic and population change and report back to next meeting
7. Agree a small group to meet to consider how the NP can be more proactive in addressing equalities issues and meeting legal and policy obligations and report back to next meeting.
8. Chair, Deputy Chair and Cllr Chair to review the use of the wellbeing fund and other NP resources to deliver the NP priorities, taking account of the two small group discussions and bring a report to the next NP meeting for consideration.
9. Note the update about the NP review.
10. Note the information about the active travel grant
11. To seek views from the forums about the Green Capital 2015 and consider at future NP meeting

## **1. Neighbourhood Working**

Appendix 1 gives an update against priorities since the last meeting and lists the proposed Neighbourhood Working priorities for September 2013 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014. They are the same priorities agreed at the last meeting with two additions:

- i. Add to number 5. – tackling sex work and sex litter
- ii. Management of licensed premises and cafes including planning enforcement.

### **Neighbourhood Working Reporting to the NP**

It is proposed the NP receives an ‘overview’ of progress at each meeting and that more detailed discussions about specific sites/projects will take place at forums or between meetings. If you have questions or concerns you don’t need to wait for a meeting to follow them up.

### **Recommendations**

1. **Note the progress report**
2. **Agree the Neighbourhood Working Priorities**
3. **Agree the reporting process.**

## **2. Traffic Sub Group**

The Traffic Group has been working on a process so that it can recommendations to the NP and be considered by Councillors when allocating highways devolved budget.

- All problems reported to the NP (mainly through forums) are added to the ‘long list’.
- Residents are then encouraged to work with neighbours to submit a ‘request for action’ form (appendix 2) which is considered by the Traffic and Transport Sub Group. Initiatives with active community support will be given greater priority. Exceptions to this will be where there is clearly an issue of health and safety or access which ‘should’ be addressed regardless of the numbers of people.
- The T&T Sub Group met on the 28<sup>th</sup> August to consider the Request for Action forms the outcome is set out in appendix 3.
- The T&T Sub Group will consider Request for Action forms as they are submitted up until the deadline for making decisions about next years schemes which will be March or June 2014.
- The T&T Sub group would like to be in a position to make ‘strategic’ decisions in the context of what is already happening or planned for the area and find more flexible, community-led approaches to community problems.
- The Sub Group is concerned about the slow progress of agreed NP schemes.

### **3. NP Demographic Change**

#### **Housing allocations in Barton Hill**

A small group met as agreed (Cllr Margaret Hickman, Joyce Clarke, Sonny Richards, Laura Todd, Ian Quaife (BCC), Paul Sylvester (BCC) and Penny Germon) to explore the Housing Allocations data and the perception that people new to the area are getting preferential treatment. The data provided at the meeting showed that fewer 'British' people were applying for housing in Barton Hill compared with 'non British'.

#### **Agreed actions:**

1. BCC to provide data showing allocations and bids for the past five years.
2. 'Myth Busting' leaflets published by BCC to be made available.
3. NP to consider publishing leaflet/information with data showing what has happened over the past five years.

The data has been received but to provide a helpful report for the NP it needs analysing. Regrettably it was not possible to do this ready for this NP meeting.

#### **Recommendation:**

**Bring a follow up report at the December NP meeting.**

#### **School places - for information (Appendix 4)**

There continues to be a considerable building programme across the Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill area including two new schools in Redfield and Montpelier.

### **4. Priorities (Appendix 5)**

A group met to consider the priorities for the NP (Cllr Gus Hoyt, Maryanne Kempf, Cristina Crossingham, Leighton Deburca, Del Hibbard, Suzanna Van Moyland, Gemma Murphy).

The aim was to come up with an achievable list of priorities but also reflect on the important issues outside the influence of the NP.

#### **Recommendation**

1. **Consider and agree the priorities**
2. **Agree a small group to meet to consider how to take forward the work on demographic and population change and report back to next meeting.**

3. **Agree a small group to meet to consider how the NP can be more proactive in addressing equalities issues and meeting legal and policy obligations. Report back to next meeting.**
4. **Chair, Deputy Chair and Cllr Chair to review the use of the wellbeing fund and other NP resources to deliver the NP priorities, taking account of the two small group discussions and bring a report to the next NP meeting for consideration.**

## **5. NP review update - for information**

Following the completion of the Neighbourhood Partnership Review in April 2013 and the analysis of the review findings which were taken to the June round of Neighbourhood Partnership meetings, the Neighbourhood Partnership team started the practical work of crafting the change proposals for strengthening Neighbourhood Partnerships and enhancing their ability to get things done.

We had originally planned to have some early conversations about this work with representatives of NPs during the summer, but as you will be aware, there is a great deal of work happening within the Council around how we manage the significant budget pressures moving forward and how the Council will work in the future, therefore this work has been delayed.

As it is important that any changes proposed to how the Neighbourhood Partnerships work will fit with the new organisational direction and structure, we have had to suspend our original timetable for completing our work until we know more about what the organisation will look like in the future.

It is our hope that we will be better placed to bring our change proposals to a wider audience in mid to late October.

## **6. Active Travel Grant - for information (Appendix 6)**

## **7. Green capital – for information & decision (Appendix 7)**

### **Recommendation**

To seek views from the forums about the Green Capital 2015 and consider at future NP meeting

Ashley Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnership  
Neighbourhood Working



**QUARTER 1 UPDATE and Proposed Priorities Sept 13 - March 2014**

Neighbourhood Working to provide progress reports to all NP meetings. Detailed project reports, resident input will be through forums.

	<b>Problem/issue</b>	<b>Requested by?</b>	<b>Details (including location)</b>	<b>Action Taken to date</b>
1.	Street Cleansing Rubbish Littering (what's the cause?) Fly-tipping. People drive and dump rubbish	NP, Residents, Cllrs	General problem across the three wards <b>Albany Road</b> Continue work until problem is addressed and residents are satisfied with the outcome.	Communal bins installed on 09/08/13 and initial resident feedback very positive. Neighbourhood Working Officers all monitoring regularly at location for any problems
		SRWG, residents, Cllrs	<b>Villiers Road</b> May SRWG proposed that the commercial bins are removed and residents are given wheelie bins. This may not resolve the fly tipping but will clarify the responsibilities of residents on Villiers Road and remove the 'acceptable' places to dump rubbish.	Recycling campaign complete as are bulky waste awareness days. Communal bins now stickered with warnings. PCSOs regularly patrolling and one Fixed Penalty Notice issued so far. On street audits by Area Environment Officer planned in. Ongoing work with Streetscene Enforcement around liaison and evidence gathering re: commercial users. Street survey suggested Villiers Road residents overall did not want a return to individual wheelie bins.
		Residents	<b>Jane St /Cobden Street</b> Rubbish accumulating by large bins and litter.	Streetscene Enforcement Officers regularly patrolling for fly-tipping with assistance from other Neighbourhood Working Officers. Tied this into Operation Sunset work to closely monitor but no problems. PCSOs from Trinity regularly visiting area for visible presence.
			<b>Chelsea Road</b> takeaway	Frequent monitoring all Neighbourhood Working Officers linked with dog fouling monitoring. Only one report in dumping by communal bin – lack of evidence
			<b>Marsh Lane</b>	
			<b>Off Stapleton Road</b>	Need location
			<b>St Marks Road</b>	Reporting all incidents through linked with dog campaigns.
			<b>Entrance to cycle track from Russell Town Avenue</b> (City Academy pupils – cleaner in holidays) and railway path generally.	Planning in school litter campaigns in Autumn Term starting with City Academy and East Academies. Railway path now has temporary oil drum bins and these are being monitored by Area Environment Officer and Parks and being moved as necessary

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			<b>Mary Carpenter Place, Ashley Place.</b> Bins in centre not emptied if cross contamination. Leaving significant problem for residents.	No update
			<b>Upper Cheltenham Rd behind number 44 , Ashley</b> Always has bagged rubbish dumped on street - or worse. fly-tipping by residents	Checked regularly over last two months – only one incident reported through by BCC officers.
			<b>Wellington Lane, Ashley</b> Terrible rubbish on streets not helped by wind and pavement parking.	Monitored through recent graffiti and litter campaigns – now in forward plan along with Picton Street.
			<b>Church Rd</b> –Victoria Parade/corner of Avonvale Rd - Sunflower seed husks. Chewing and spitting out sunflower seed husks. Hotspots - near to the Polish shop or the Top 24 off-license, and some street corners in the areas of Bethesda	Been monitored at least once per week with car dealer work on Heber St but problem appears to have stopped.
		Other litter/cleansing problem sites identified at forums.	<b>Bags left outside charity shops</b> overnight, bags break contents dispersed. Cat sanctuary shop Church Rd/Victoria Parade.	Charity shops all been spoke to and notices for display left. Will be revisited mid-September – all appreciative and will report.
2.	Dog mess	Neighbourhood Forums NP Residents Cllrs	Everywhere Cycle track Cooksley Road Brook Street Park St Agnes Park	Four days of Engagement / enforcement action in April centred in Redcliffe and Easton. Op Scoop – August Enforcement day – no cautions or Fixed Penalty Notices – fouling reduced remarkably. Backed onto RSPCA / Dogs Trust campaign in Barton Hill and Netham. Op Scoops planned for St Pauls in early October
3.	Graffiti & ugly tagging	NP/Ashley Forum	Montpelier	Imminent Crimestoppers campaign with underwritten rewards for info leading to conviction of taggers. Three successful tagger cases so far –DIRT BTC, LIC and EDGER. BCC officers doing legwork with Police when putting instances to perpetrators. Graffiti audit completed in St Pauls early August – days of action following early September with dedicated clear up crews. Linking in Youth Offending Team and adult restorative approaches to get extra clear-up work

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				done.
4.	Parking on pavements	NP Fora Residents SRWG	Continue actions to tackle anti social parking. Move on to other problematic areas. NP to nominate problem areas. Stapleton Road side streets St Marks Road (mosque) Braggs Lane Chelsea Road Kilburn Street Beam Street Beaumont Street Near Rawnsley Park Brunswick Road	On-going regular joint patrols with Police and Parking Services alongside larger mosque focused operations on Fridays – next planned mid-September. PCSOs tasked monthly against problem streets identified by NP / NF. Linking in wider work across AELH and St George Neighbourhood Partnerships to tackle car dealing on streets as contributing to the problem. Licensing and Police working together with Neighbourhood Working to tackle both private vendors and dealerships.
5	Street drinking and drug related anti social behaviour including <b>sex work and related rubbish.</b> (Propose adding 'sex work' as priority area).	Neighbourhood Forms Stokes Croft Traders Assn Easton and Lawrence Hill Forum Residents	Stokes Croft, City Road & Ashley Road  Brunswick Square  Richmond Road  Star and Garter, Montpelier  Brunswick Square Warwick Road/ Fox Road Gaunts Ham Park Dalrymple Green Space Temple Gardens Church	Regular Police and Streetwise patrols. Streetwise using IMPACT project to get people into treatment and still major referrer. Audit Bear Pit – Nine Tree Hill (including City Road and Ashley Road) mid-July showed 17 instances 11 perpetrators – to be repeated in mid-September to give direction travelled.  Record of Action running. Tree works completed. Increased patrols by Police and Council staff. Anti-climb works and needle clearance completed. Successful conviction of tagger at location. Still trying to install CCTV. Rough sleepers engaged with and moved on as priority  Regularly monitored – Increased PCSO presence to map – no pattern or significant problem found. Need more info from NP / NF  Clear-up as part of Albany Park consultation. Working with licensing around Temporary Event Notice conditions around clear-up. Area Environment Officer working with landlord at premises.  On twice – see above  Audit and walkabout late August. Results to inform on-going work  Tree works and lighting audit complete. Engagement Event – Community Safety Officer leading in mid-September  PCSOs stepped up patrols alongside more visible presence of BCC in general in area. Park visited regularly. Mapping patterns.  Rough Sleepers engaged with and moved on. PCSOs increased patrols. All staff reporting

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			Pip and Jay Church	Increased patrols – targeting around late evenings. Liaison with Soup Run Trust around ASB at location who have threatened customers with withdrawal of service.
			Outside Victoria Street (Shakespeare Pub)	Licencing aware and will target with Pollution Control team. Need more feedback from NP / NF about specific problems.
			Somerset Square	List of drinkers identified at location and being targeted by PCSO patrols. Housing staff are aware and discussing threatening tenancies alongside work around noise nuisance with Op Sunset in Redcliffe
6	Drug dealing	Ashley Neighbourhood Forum Residents		Police leading. All Neighbourhood Working officers tasked to feedback any emerging hotspots and pass intelligence through to Neighbourhood Policing Teams and Operations Groups. Increasing visibility generally in hotspots areas such as Brighton St, Drummond Road and Grosvenor Road. CSO leading on environmental changes to aid evidence gathering eg. on Argyle St. Drug pavement tags prioritised for clear-up from audit
7	Cycling on pavements	Neighbourhood Forums	Further details required from NP	Linking in with wider location targeting of problem alongside cycle theft. Neighbourhood Working officers working with Police to promote restorative course option as alternative to Fixed Penalty Notices. Video campaigns across city with leaflets and safety information handed out as part of overall initiative. Linking with Sustrans and Bristol Cycling City to target hotspots and as many cyclists as possible.
8	Noise after 11am	Quality of Life Survey & feedback from tenants	Redcliffe, Barton Hill, Lawrence Hill and Easton	Operation 'Sunset' – engagement phases complete in Redcliffe and Barton Hill and third phase due last week in August. Prioritised enforcement to follow. Regular Twitter feeds charting progress. Campaign more targeted as evolved. Reporting not risen significantly but early result showing campaign as having a real preventative effect and satisfaction up.
9.	<b>PROPOSED NEW PRIORITY</b> Management of licensed premises and cafes including planning enforcement.	Residents	Premises operating within agreed opening times, within agreed planning conditions and with appropriate environmental health and trading standards. Lawrence Hill, Church Rd, Stapleton Road.	All café / restaurant premises mapped for registration in initial area around Church Road and Lawrence Hill. Neighbourhood Working now acting as single point of contact taking problem premises to Licensing Tasking Group with a priority response to issues.



## Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnership Local Traffic Schemes – Request for Action

The Neighbourhood Partnership has a small budget and a very long list of traffic and highways problems local resident want resolved. To help us understand the issue you are concerned about and the level of concern in the area we need some more information.

### When filling in this form

You only need one form for one problem. If there are lots of people with the same concern tell us how many people this is in question 7. You can also attach a petition if you wish. We want to encourage neighbours to work together so one form presented on behalf of a whole group of people is very welcome and preferable to lots of forms about the same issue – thank you.

Your name:

Email address:

Phone number:

Postcode (where you live):

Location you are concerned about:

What is your interest in the issue – resident, trader, service provider etc?

1. What is the problem?
2. Where is the problem (name the street/s)?
3. When is the problem? (*what time of day? weekdays or weekends ? etc*)
4. How long has there been a problem?
5. What evidence do you have? (*how do you know this is a problem? If you have seen it yourself - how many times? etc*)
6. How does the problem impact on the local area?

7. Who else have you spoken to? (*We cannot progress issues which are the view of one person there must be evidence of wider support*).
- a) How many people have you spoken to on your street?
  - b) How many people have you spoken to in the local area?
  - c) Who have you spoken to at the City Council
  - d) Who have you spoken to at the Police
  - e) Which community groups have you contacted?
  - f) A ward councillor? (please name them)

Please summarise the nature of this discussion:

8. Do you have a solution in mind?
9. Have you done any research/how do you know this is a good solution?

*Thank you* for the time you have taken.

**Next steps:**

- a) Please return the completed form to [officemanager@eastonandlawrencehill.org.uk](mailto:officemanager@eastonandlawrencehill.org.uk).
- b) If you want some advice please phone 9039879
- c) The returned forms will be considered by the Traffic and Transport Sub Group. It will help the group determine the priorities for the area and establish a 'long short-list'. The sub group will take advice from BCC Highways about what else is planned in the area and which of the current problems/issues will be addressed through planned maintenance work or scheduled city-wide projects. This list and the proposed priorities for the area will be taken to the July forums for feedback. At the autumn forums recommendations will be made to the NP for consideration at the December meeting and then decisions at either the March or June meeting 2014 (this will be determined city wide

## Traffic and Transport Sub Group Assessment of 'Request for Action Forms' and feedback/next steps

28<sup>th</sup> August 2013

Location	Problem	Residents Proposed Solution	Traffic and Transport Sub Group Comments	T&T Proposed Solution	Next Steps
Devon Road at the junction with Alpine Road  Easton Ward	Cars driving fast, poor visibility (caused by railway-bridge hump) by children and parents crossing the road to Whitehall School. Fairly wide, busy road taking vehicles in and out of Easton.	Safe crossing point	<p>Appreciate the problem. For the NP to help the solution needs to within the available budget the NP needs to be confident about the benefit. Many families are using the cycle path for example. Need to find out more information as follows:</p> <p>A scheme is being progressed on the cycle path at the request of local people to provide traffic calming and making it safer. Can people make more use of the cycle path? Is this an option particularly for school pick up times?</p> <p>The speed limit on the road is 20 miles an hour. Is community speed watch an option? Could this be a school based approach?</p> <p>Need to find out more about the numbers of people a scheme would benefit. E.G. How many children/families are taking this route? Are other people taking a different/safer route? Suggest someone does a 'head count' on Devon Road.</p>	Advice from highway engineer - The problem would require a crossing <u>and</u> traffic calming measure.	<p>Is there a travel plan relating to this? Janine to find out.</p> <p>Community Speed Watch – Penny to find out how this can be set up.</p> <p><u>Need to know from the residents:</u> Will the improvements on the cycle path will provide a safe alternative? Willingness to operate a community speed watch (or other approaches).</p> <p>Highways to provide costs of scheme to T&amp;T sub group who will make a recommendation to Cllrs/the NP (March of June 2014)</p>
Lyppiatt Road (outside TESCO) Easton Ward	People parking on the pavement, blocking pedestrian access despite double yellow lines and regular enforcement.	<p>Close the road to motor vehicles except for access</p> <p>Widen the pavement and install bollards along pavement</p>	Can see that something physical needs to be done because regular enforcement is not working. The group was advised that closing the road is not really an option because of the potential impact on other roads in the area and access for the Tesco lorries (it would require a whole area review).	Put something - a solid object- for example, planters with maintenance contract, a Gromit, cycle stand? which will be attractive but deter parking. If the parking is prevented the pavements do not need widening.	<p>Residents to explore options with some advice from Highways about size and location.</p> <p>Residents to confirm preferences. T&amp;T to make recommendation to NP/Cllrs re budget (March or June 2014)</p>
Easton Road in particular junctions with Bouverie St and Croydon St.	Parking on junctions causing problems of visibility. Heavy traffic including large vehicles using petrol station, First Bus Depot and families attending SPAN/Silai for Skills building. Busy, chaotic St. with few	<p>Parking restricted to one side of the road.</p> <p>Move the bus stop back to the inlet so it doesn't block the road.</p>	<p>Agreed needs a solution.</p> <p>The NP budget would probably not stretch to a zebra crossing. So propose parking restrictions and then review the situation.</p>	Review and implement parking restrictions to allow visibility.	Highways to provide costs to T&T for recommendation to NP in March/June 2014.

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Lawrence Hill ward	parking restrictions. Problem is not evident on a Sunday or late evenings. Suggesting this is commuter parking.	A zebra crossing near the petrol station and play park on Bannerman Rd.			
Victoria Parade Easton ward	Poor parking, speeding traffic, vehicles going the wrong way down the street. Funding will have to be kept for maintenance and so there is not money for everything the residents wanted to do.	NP has funded 'DIY' approach. Need additional funding for planters and evaluation.	T&T Group congratulate the residents of Victoria Parade and would like the learning and approach to be shared and for this kind of approached use across the area.	Propose £2,000 of NP funding is made available to complete the scheme project and an evaluation and some kind of tool-kit or guide for others.	T&T Group make recommendation to NP March or June 2014.  Penny to follow up evaluation.
Heber Street, Easton ward	Availability of parking for residents. Competition with car sales businesses at Church Rd end. Car sales park on double yellows and onto the pavement.	Remove one side of double yellow lines to create more space for parking. Parking enforcement.	A significant amount of work has been carried out over recent months to enforce the double yellow lines and address parking on pavements. This has improved the situation.  It should be noted that the parking spaces made available by removing the double yellow lines can be used by anyone including the local businesses.	Add to Redfield North review of parking restrictions.  Remove double yellow lines from one side of the road and explore reducing them on the other side.	Highways to provide costs.  T&T Sub Group to make a recommendation to the NP/Cllrs at the March or June meeting 2014.
Berwick Road	Speeding cars all day and night time too.	Chicane using planters or possibly bike rack. Also exploring closing the road at the St Marks Road end.	Technical advice – a chicane is unlikely to get the support of the whole street because of the number of parking spaces it will remove.  T&T Group think this road and is an ideal candidate for a 'DIY' streets approach.  NP is considering a policy of only funding planters with a maintenance agreement. May want to consider other forms. Need to evaluate the Victoria Parade DIY street and share the learning.	DIY Streets approach – residents get together and agree 'soft' community-led measures to reduce speed and remind drivers they are in a residential street. If these measures remove parking there must be support from the whole street.  Physical changes or additions to the roads must be agreed with highways.	Residents of Berwick Road get together and consider 'soft' measures (along the lines of Victoria Parade) and put forward costed proposal.  Follow up evaluation of Victoria Parade.

## School Places in Ashley Easton and Lawrence Hill

This Neighbourhood has seen some of the largest increases in demand for school places in the city. In order to meet this demand and ensure there are sufficient places for local children a number of primary schools have already expanded and a new school has opened. The next few years will see more expansions and new schools.

Forecasting of the number of children requiring school places shows that there will be continued growth in the area. A summary of what has happened so far and what is planned is given below.

**Barton Hill Primary** has expanded from 1½ classes (45 children) each year and is now admitting 3 classes (90 children) into the Reception Year. The school buildings have been extended as much as possible. In order to ensure there is enough space for the school the Beam Street Council offices will be converted for school use.

**Easton Primary** has expanded from 1½ classes each year and is now admitting 3 classes (90 children) into the Reception Year. The school buildings are being extended to accommodate the additional children.

**Hannah More Primary** has expanded from 1 class (30 children) to 2 classes (60 children) each year. The building works are complete.

**Millpond Primary School** has expanded from 1 class (30 children) to 2 (60 children) classes each year. The building works are being completed for September.

**The Dolphin School** opened in temporary accommodation in September 2012 and is located next to Colston's Girls' School. The school will admit 2 classes (60 children) each year. New buildings are being planned.

In addition **Cabot**, **St Barnabas** and **Sefton Park** Schools have taken additional classes in temporary accommodation in previous years.

**St Werburgh's Primary** will expand from 1 (28 children) class to 2 classes (56 children) each year from September 2014. The additional space will be provided in the nearby former St Matthias Pupil Referral Unit building.

A new school will open on the site of the **Avonvale Road** Council offices in September 2014. This will have places for up to 60 pupils each year.

A new school will open on the former site of Fairfield high School on **Fairlawn Road** in September 2015. This will have places for up to 60 pupils each year.

Discussions are taking place with **Whitehall Primary** to investigate expansion from 2(60 children) to 3 classes each year (90 pupils).

Discussions are taking places with **Bannerman Road Primary** to investigate expansion from 1½ classes (45 children) to 2 classes each year (60 children).

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**Ashley, Easton & Lawrence Hill Neighbourhood Partnership PRIORITIES 2013 – 2014 DRAFT**

**What’s important to us?**

- a) Equality – we want to involve and work with everyone living and working in our area. We want everyone to feel valued, to live and work together harmoniously, have the option of being involved in decisions about where they live and have access to decent services.
- b) We will challenge discrimination and take positive steps to tackle discrimination and disadvantage.
- c) We recognise there is a significant gap between ‘the haves’ and ‘have not’s’. We want to ‘narrow the gap’.
- d) We want future generations to feel they have real stake in the place where they live so will make every effort to encourage and involve young people and foster positive relationships between young people and adults.
- e) We want residents to feel empowered to take action to improve their lives and communities with a helping hand from the authorities where necessary.
- f) We want to have a real say in the decisions that affect our area and the life of the city.

	Priority	ACTIONS 2013 – 2014	Progress
1.	<p><b>Poor quality environment</b></p> <p>Tackle persistent problems of litter, graffiti tagging, fly-posting, dog fouling, run down/disused buildings, pavements, public places and green space.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Neighbourhood Working will tackle known sites/hot spots and persistent problems and report to the NP at each meeting on progress.</li> <li>2. NP members/members of the public to report problems direct to BCC when they are noticed and raise persistent problems at forums or with NP.</li> <li>3. Use the devolved budget to fund environmental improvements, in particular improved planting, throughout the NP area. Secure funding to progress the parks and green space priorities for the area.</li> <li>4. Champion and deliver projects to improve the area</li> </ol>	

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		<p>including planting.</p> <p>5. Support initiatives to provide more public benches (with backs and arms).</p> <p>6. Ensure disused/derelict buildings are safe and secure.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Crime and community safety</b> Drug dealing and drug use (including alcohol) and related anti social behaviour.</p>	<p>1. Neighbourhood Working priority.</p> <p>2. NP/members of the public to report problem sites/hotspots direct to police and BCC or persistent problems that are not being resolved to the forum/direct to NP.</p> <p>3. Neighbourhood Working Report</p> <p>4. Continue to support the Stapleton Road Working Group</p>	.
3.	<p><b>Increasing pressure on space, public services and resources</b> - population and demographic change.</p> <p>Particular challenges are large numbers of people living 'cheek by jowl', access to quality green/open space and noise.</p>	<p><b>NEED TO AGREE NEXT STEPS</b></p> <p>1. Work with the Council and other agencies to understand the changes to make sure there are the services and facilities to meet the needs of the community (housing, GP's, dentists, schools, places of worship) and careful decisions are made about the future.</p> <p>2. We will consider the need for a 'strategic plan'.</p>	
4.	<b>Traffic and Transport</b>	<p>1. Agree the criteria and process for prioritising local traffic schemes and make recommendations to the</p>	

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		<p>NP.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Develop ‘community-led’ ways of tackling some of the persistent problems such as slowing traffic, anti social parking and ‘DIY’ traffic calming measures.</li> <li>3. Influence city-wide decisions that affect our area.</li> <li>4. Neighbourhood Working to tackle persistent problems of parking on pavements, anti social parking and cyclists on pavements (residents to report problem sites).</li> </ol>	
5.	<p><b>Economic development</b> - Maximise good use of employment land Support the ‘high streets’ to be thriving retail destinations for their local area and the city – Stokes Croft, Church Rd, Stapleton Road, Mina Road.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensure businesses are represented at the NP.</li> <li>2. Progress the request for a review of the outbound bus lane on Church Road to allow traders to load.</li> <li>3. Continue the Stapleton Road Working Group</li> <li>4. Support the Old Market Association to realise its plans for the area as appropriate.</li> <li>5. Support the work of the Stokes Croft Traders Group as appropriate.</li> <li>6. Promote ‘Bristol Independents’ campaign <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Support local people and businesses to influence the development of the Enterprise Zone so that it has positive local benefits for the long term.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	
6	<p><b>Young people</b> Young people are having a hard time. Unemployment is high and there have been massive changes to</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support communities and organisations to deal with the impact of the youth service review in what ever way we can.</li> <li>2. Give a voice to young people and communities through the NP and Forums.</li> </ol>	



	Priority	ACTIONS 2013 – 2014	Progress
	their support services.	3. Support the emerging network of young people focused organisations in Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill.	
4	<b>Community development work</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Delivering Neighbourhood Forums</li> <li>2. Making sure people have access to up to date accurate information (websites and notice boards).</li> <li>3. Residents are supported to take action on the things that matter.</li> <li>4. Take positive steps so that the NP and Forum attendance reflects the diversity of the local population.</li> <li>5. Effective communication and positive working relationship between local people and the authorities.</li> </ol>	
5	<b>NP Development – improving the way we work as a group.</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Schedule two additional meetings a year for training.</li> <li>2. Prioritise training on ‘equality’ issues.</li> <li>3. Ensure the NP is well represented in the BCC review of NP’s.</li> </ol>	

There are a number of issues which we would like to be able to tackle but we do not currently have the resources or powers of influence. However we would be pleased to work with anyone who would like to work with us or invest in these areas.

- a) Reducing pollution in particular air pollution
- b) Employment for young people
- c) Helping young people who grow up in very difficult circumstances to find their gifts and have a positive future.

## Active Neighbourhood Transport Grant - Round 3

**Round opens 1st December 2013**

**Round closes 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

(Please note that all projects must be implemented **before April 2015**).

We are pleased to offer a third round of grants funded through Bristol's Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) as part of its Active Neighbourhoods Programme.

Grants are available from as little as £500 up to a maximum contribution of £3,000 and funding is limited.

Sustainable travel is important for individuals, communities and the wider environment. On a personal level, it can help us take short journeys on foot or by bike, increasing our activity levels to benefit our health as well as saving us money. For communities it can increase the numbers of people out on the street, making the streets feel safer and encouraging use of local shops and facilities. On a wider level, sustainable travel aims to provide attractive options for young people, commuters and older people alike, as well as improving air and noise quality in our city.

### What are the main aims of the grant?

Schemes need to be locally led and support the LSTF objectives by:

- Supporting and strengthening local economies (encouraging people to walk, cycle, or use public transport to travel to neighbourhood shops and services, rather than driving to other locations);
- Increasing physical activity to improve health, through greater use of walking and cycling for local journeys;
- Reducing unnecessary car trips and associated parking/pollution/congestion

### Who can apply?

Applications must be submitted by a constituted group, this could be a local resident groups, traders associations, voluntary and community groups, statutory organisations, or Neighbourhood Partnerships.

We are looking for bottom up, community led, projects, whereby project ideas come from local communities. We encourage applications that will address travel related issues within a particular local community, or a local shopping area, or by a particular group of people, with specific needs.

### Examples of what could be funded:

Grants awarded in round 1 and 2:

- Lockleaze, Ashley, Easton, Lawrence Hill and St George will benefit from a "Silver Cycling" programme This will help older adults get back on their bikes and rediscover the joys of cycling in a safe and sociable way;
- Greater Bedminster will develop a pocket park and art installation on East Street, to make a popular walking route both direct and pleasant;
- In Totterdown, cycle storage and park benches will be installed part way up the Wells Road, to encourage short journeys to local shops on foot and by bike
- Bristol Bike Project is running a project for young people between 11 and 17 to learn basic and advanced bicycle mechanics. They will apply this learnt knowledge as they restore and rebuild a safe and fully functioning bike for themselves.

- GoodGym Bristol is a new exciting community project whose aim is to use the energy that is normally wasted in gyms to benefit the community as a whole. They organise regular group runs and cycles to community projects during which they stop and help local community organisations.
- Hotwells and Clifton Community Association have renovated the City 'gateway' site of Cumberland Piazza, identifying key cycle routes, constructing information panels, creating webpages to complement each information panel, and put on an event increase the utilisation of existing cycle and pedestrian routes in the area by local people, commuters and visitors.

Two Community Interest Companies have been funded to develop projects to benefit the whole city:

- Roll for the Soul recently opened the Bristol Community Bike Café and Cycle Hub in Quay Street; and
- Playing Out will be able to reach more communities with their after-school street play project.

Other ideas could include:

- Events to encourage people to be more active and use the car less;
- Local groups working together to address particular barriers to active travel issues in their area;
- Grants can support a one-off initiative, or be used as 'seed' money to pilot a longer-term project; and
- Installation of a handrail on a steep hill to aid walking for older people.

These are examples of initiatives that have been previously funded, or could potentially gain future funding. However, be original and creative with your own ideas. Think about the issues in your local area and what is needed to solve them.

## Examples of what will not be funded

We will not be funding any infrastructure projects in this round of funding e.g. laying cycle/foot paths, pedestrian crossings, junction alterations, road widening etc. We will however consider applications for safe routes to schools projects.

## Extra funding or match-funding

The grant could also be used as a contribution towards more expensive schemes, if additional sources of money are available (for example a devolved neighbourhood transport grant, other national or local grant funding).

## Contact us - for support with your application

If you require advice or support with developing your idea, consulting locally or completing the form, please contact our Community Active Travel Officers:

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## **Bristol European Green Capital 2015**

Bristol was awarded the title of European Green Capital 2015 in June 2013. Only five other cities have received this prestigious award and Bristol is the first UK city to have held the title.

The award was given to Bristol because of its good track record of environmental improvements and its ambitious plans for more. Overall Bristol residents have the greenest lifestyles of any major UK city:

- More walk and cycle to work improving their health and reducing congestion,
- They produce less waste and recycle more,
- They have the lowest home energy bills,
- They enjoy Bristol's many green spaces, and
- Thousands are taking part in community and green initiatives making the city a better place to live.

Winning this award is an opportunity to improve the quality of life in Bristol and to create local jobs. During 2015 Bristol will hold a series of events and activities to celebrate the award with the planning starting this autumn. Ideas include:

- Holding exciting community events that everyone can take part in;
- Funding local projects that make a difference to the environment such as every primary school child planting a tree
- Hosting high profile international visits promoting Bristol and our businesses to create local jobs.

## **What we would like from Neighbourhood Partnerships?**

We would like Neighbourhood Partnerships to start thinking about how they would like to celebrate the Bristol being the European Green Capital in 2015.

Do you have any events or activities planned that can incorporate a green theme? What projects and initiatives would you like to start in 2015 that can create improvements in the quality of life long after the year ends?

We would like to establish a Neighbourhood Partnership working group to bring together ideas for events and activities to ensure that the 2015 programme serves every community and ask that the partnership nominate one member to take part in this.

If you would like to hear more about the Award and how you can get involved contact Alex Minshull, Sustainable City Manager – [alex.minshull@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:alex.minshull@bristol.gov.uk)